

# Ivy Units Continue

**CAMP ENARI**—The rice harvest for Montagnards of the Central Highlands ended weeks ago. But for 4th Division soldiers, the harvest was still in full swing at the close of 1968.

From the first of December through the opening days of January, 4th Division units uncovered nearly 212,000 pounds of rice from camouflaged caches throughout the Central Highlands.

The recent string of significant rice discoveries began when Company D, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, found 400 pounds of rice along the east bank of the Dak Payou River in VC Valley. Further searching by the same unit on the following day uncovered another 500 pounds along the west bank of the Song Ba River.

## Find More Rice

And again on Dec. 22, the company located 10,300 pounds of rice hidden in the jungle terrain of VC Valley.

Relatively small rice finds continued throughout the 4th Division area of operations during the ensuing few days, and the captured rice again flowed into collection points in huge volumes.

Company A, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, while searching a village 18 kilometers north of Ban Me Thuot on Dec. 28, found 52, 55-gallon drums full of rice hidden under a hut. The find totaled 18,000 pounds.

On Dec. 30, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry, discovered an enemy storage bin containing 500 pounds of rice 40 kilometers east of Camp Enari. Another ton of rice was confiscated 27 kilometers northwest of Pleiku by Company B, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry.

Not to be outdone, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, discovered 20,000 pounds of rice stored in an abandoned village 50 kilometers northeast of Ban Me Thuot. And on the last day of December, the same unit capped the year by turning up 92,500

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pounds of rice from the same deserted village.

Walking 25 kilometers northwest of Pleiku, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, added 2,000 more pounds to the day's rice total.

With the new year came still more discoveries.

Company B, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized) 8th Infantry, bagged 2,000 pounds of rice during a cordon and search of a village 16 kilometers southeast of

Pleiku. Also on Jan. 1, some 600 pounds of rice were discovered by the 3rd Battalion, 47th ARVN Regiment 41 kilometers southeast of Camp Enari.

The following day, the aero-rifle platoon of Alpha Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry, worked with a 4th Division LRP team to capture 400 pounds of rice from a cache located 30 kilometers southeast of Camp Enari.

# To Steal Huge Rice Caches



RICE has been the big word in the 4th Division the past few weeks as Ivy units have captured nearly 175,000 pounds of the grain since the 18th of December.

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